

## DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/3

## PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

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## FOREWORD

1. NSCID No. 1, paragraph 3 requires that a Director of Central Intelligence Directive provide "identification from time to time, and on a current basis, of Priority National Intelligence Objectives with reference to specific countries and subjects," which are to be issued for "general intelligence guidance." The following list is established pursuant to that requirement and replaces that contained in DCID No. 1/3, dated 1 July 1966, which is hereby rescinded.

2. Most of the intelligence required for the formulation and execution of national security policy is produced in consonance with the Comprehensive National Intelligence Objectives similarly prescribed by NSCID No. 1 and contained in DCID No. 1/2. But beyond that general catalogue, which treats most subjects of intelligence interest, NSCID No. 1 requires "the establishment of specific priorities for the production of national and other intelligence and for collection and other activities in support thereof." At the same time it is essential to avoid a listing of priorities which is either so voluminous or so general as to encourage a wasteful diffusion of effort.

3. Accordingly, the Priority National Intelligence Objectives are hereby defined as those fundamental questions affecting national survival, which taken together constitute the most critical long-range substantive problems confronting the intelligence community as a whole. These questions are likely to be valid for the next several years, but will be reviewed from time to time on the motion of any member of the United States Intelligence Board. It must be emphasized that the priority assigned to these problems as a whole does not necessarily apply to every aspect of them. Conversely, the fact that a problem is omitted from this list does not necessarily mean that it is not of great importance.

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